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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the following paragraphs and sections on Page 1 of the Specification with the following new paragraphs and sections, which are marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version. Newly added paragraphs and sections to Page 1 have not been underlined in accordance with Patent Office rules.

**TITLE**

**VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY STANDING DENTAL SCALER SYSTEM AND METHOD**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates generally to an electronically controlled dental scaler system and method. More particularly, the dental scaler system includes an apparatus that can be placed in a vertical or horizontal standing position.

**Summary of the Invention**

The present invention provides a dental scaler apparatus having a power control circuit. A scaler handpiece is attached to the apparatus by a handpiece connector cable. The scaler housing includes a first base side having a plurality of first base feet extending therefrom. The first base feet substantially support the housing when it is standing in a vertical position. The scaler housing also includes a second base side, which is integrally connected to the first base side, having a plurality of second base feet extending therefrom. The second base feet substantially support the housing when it is standing in a horizontal position. The apparatus also includes a holder side, which is integrally connected to the second base side, and includes a handpiece holder for supporting the scaler handpiece when the handpiece is not being used. In addition, the apparatus includes an integrally connected control side with at least one adjuster knob.